

AMENDMENT

Statement of the Claims:

1. (Currently amended) An apparatus for suspending a fixture in conjunction with a wire, said apparatus comprising:

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an angle bracket having a first flange and a second flange;

said first flange lying in a first plane and said second flange lying in a second plane which is not parallel to said first plane,

said first flange defining a hole adapted to receive a fastener,

said second flange having structure adapted to receive an end of the wire,

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said structure being crimpable upon the end of the wire to secure the wire to said second flange with the wire extending in a direction which forms an angle with said first plane and is not parallel with said first plane.

2. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

said structure includes at least one loop.

3. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

said structure includes a plurality of alternating loops.

4. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

said structure includes a tongue defining a wire receiving hole, and a loop.

5. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

an eyelet having a crimpable portion adapted to receive the end of the wire,

wherein

said structure includes a hook adapted to receive said eyelet.

6. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 5, wherein:

said hook is crimpable over said eyelet.

7. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 1, wherein:

said structure includes a slotted cylinder.

8. (Original) An apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

a third flange having structure adapted to receive an end of the wire,

said structure being crimpable upon the end of the wire to secure the wire to said second flange.

9. (Canceled)

10. (Currently amended) A method of suspending a fixture from a surface, comprising:

obtaining a length of wire,

obtaining a fastener,

obtaining an angle bracket having a first flange and a second flange, the first flange defining a hole adapted to receive the fastener, the second flange having structure adapted to receive an end of the wire with the end of the wire being not parallel to the first flange,

inserting an end of the wire into the structure,

crimping the structure upon the end of the wire to secure the wire to the second flange.

11. (Original) A method according to claim 10, wherein:

said steps of obtaining a fastener and obtaining an angle bracket are performed simultaneously because the fastener is pre fit into the hole of the first flange.

12. (Original) A method according to claim 11, further comprising:

fastening the angle bracket to a surface with the fastener.

13. (Original) A method according to claim 12, further comprising:

attaching the other end of the wire to a fixture.

14. (Original) A kit for suspending a fixture from a surface, said kit comprising:

a plurality of pre-cut wires having substantially the same length;

a plurality of angle brackets each having a first flange and a second flange,

the first flange defining a hole adapted to receive a fastener,

the second flange having structure adapted to receive an end of a wire,

said structure being crimpable upon the end of the wire to secure the wire
to the second flange; and
a crimping tool.

15. (Original) A kit according to claim 14, wherein:

at least some of the angle brackets have fasteners pre-fit in the hole of the first
flange.

16. (Original) A kit according to claim 14, wherein:

said crimping tool includes a testing apparatus for testing the integrity of the
coupling of a wire crimped to an angle bracket.
